

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. USSR - Nuclear  
Test Ban

a. During their 10 May conversation, Khrushchev told Harold Wilson that the USSR has withdrawn the offer of two or three on-site inspections to police a ban on nuclear tests.

b. Khrushchev had implied earlier that he had backed away from his offer of last December, but this is the first explicit statement to that effect.

c. According to the account of the talk that Wilson gave our embassy in Moscow, there was nothing in Khrushchev's remarks to support the view that the USSR may now be inclined towards a partial test ban agreement which would not include underground tests.

2. Communist  
China - USSR

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**3. Cuba-Brazil**

a. Some sort of Cuban-Brazilian commercial air agreement may be in the offing.

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4. South Vietnam

a. The Diem government's position may become precarious if the pending negotiations with the Buddhists are not successful.

b. Charge Trueheart advised Diem yesterday that he will have to meet the Buddhist's demands--publicly and dramatically--or the US government will publicly disassociate itself.

c. Diem replied that he would not make up his mind until after the negotiations had begun, either yesterday or today.

d. He emphasized that any such US public statement would be disastrous at this crucial point, but agreed to keep Trueheart informed.

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e. Later on Thuan told Trueheart in private that he had a "climactic" conversation earlier with Diem to get him to face facts and adopt a conciliatory attitude towards the Buddhists. Thuan thought he had some success.

## 5. Congo

a. Tshombe's political star appears to be falling rapidly.

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b. [redacted]

[redacted] the President of the South Katangan province assembly plans to depose Tshombe at a special assembly session in July. He may have the necessary majority to do it.

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c. Tshombe has already lost control of his Conakat party and has seen the Congo central government split his South Katanga in two.

d. The central government may arrest and try him on the basis of the captured personal documents [redacted]

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B. Soviet Bloc Forces

[redacted] the Warsaw Pact exercises in the Balkans have ended. The next significant Pact military activity should involve a large-scale maneuver in the Northern European Satellites.

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C. Haiti Haitian Foreign Minister Chalmers asked the US charge to transmit to Washington the secret hope of Haiti that Ambassador Thurston not return to Haiti. Chalmers said that a demand for recall is not being pushed at this stage.

D. Bolivia The Bolivian Foreign Ministry announced today that it will pull out of the Organization of American States permanently. The reason: The OAS has proven that it cannot resolve the Lauca River dispute with Chile.

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